

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: 61D487620A5F6C46

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Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification: Objectionable.

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 09 January 2019

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 09 January 2019

Summary of reasons for decision:

The file depicts a man sexually abusing a young girl. It is classified objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes under s 3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. The file is intended for the arousal of adults with a sexual interest in children, and normalises and legitimises them as appropriate subjects for adult sexual attention. This classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression as affirmed by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, however it is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications that promote and support s3(2) criteria are deemed objectionable. The classification also reflects the concern of New Zealand society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.